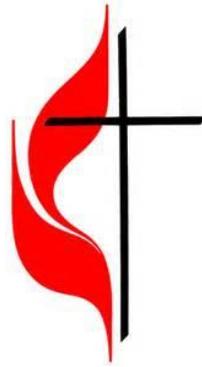




SUMC at 51 Church St., Schuylerville  
 Sunday Worship Service at 11 AM



QSUMC at 466 Route 32 South  
 Sunday Worship Service at 9 AM

# ***The MESSENGER***

*Of the Schuylerville and Quaker Springs  
 United Methodist Churches*

\*\*\*\*\*

## **January 2020**

\*\*\*\*\*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sundays	@ SUMC Bell choir
Sundays	QS Choir rehearsal after Fellowship
Alt. Mon	Girl Scouts 6:30PM @ SUMC
1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	SUMC Administrative Council 7 PM
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	Odd months QS Administrative Council
4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Emmaus (informal worship) 7 PM SUMC
Tuesday	Pastor's Sabbath (time to rejuvenate)
Thursdays	SUMC Choir rehearsal at 7 PM
Thursdays	"12 Extraordinary Women" - Bible Study - 6 PM @ SUMC
Fridays	Pastor's Sabbath (time to rejuvenate)
Friday	Overeaters Anonymous 10 AM @ SUMC
Saturday	Alcoholics Anonymous 8 PM @ SUMC
Dec. 21	Bible In One Year 9am @ SUMC
Dec. 21	SUMC Choir Christmas party 6 PM @ Pat Poirier's
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Services 7 PM @ SUMC 9 PM @ QSUMC
Dec. 25	<i>MERRY CHRISTMAS</i>
Jan.1	New Year's Day

Jan. 7	SUMC Administrative Council 7 PM
Jan. 11	SQUMC Calendar Planning meeting 10 AM @ SUMC
Jan. 13	QS Worship Committee 5:30 PM At Marion Craine's
Jan. 18	Bible In One Year 9am @ SUMC
<b>Jan. 19</b>	<b>February Newsletter deadline</b>



## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

Welcome to 2020! With the craziness of the holidays behind us and the blank slate of a new year in front of us, I would like to take a moment to invite all us (including myself) into two things. The first thing is rest. The holidays are so busy that we all need to take some time to rejuvenate physically, mentally, and spiritually. Build some extra margin into your life, say no to extra commitments for a week or two. Just take time to rest, be still, read your Bible, pray, and spend some peaceful time with the ones you love. Many of us (especially me) do not rest well – but it is so important, especially as we embark on whole New Year!

This leads us to the second thing – build a spiritual foundation for the coming year. Take some time to reflect on your life and the way you are living before God. Think about how your walk with Jesus is going and whether or not your daily life is reflective of His love and grace. Pray about the ways that He is calling you to grow in the next year, as well as the things He is calling you to do. Consider how you can build in just a bit more time each day to pray and read your Bible so you can walk faithfully with God.

I know we all have big plans for 2020! I am sure many of us have personal and professional goals that we would like to achieve. I would like to suggest that the best way for us to achieve our goals and live fully as the people God created us to be is take some time for rest and reflection, and to build a spiritual foundation upon which we can build our lives.

As you embark on your journey through the next year remember that you were created by God on purpose with a purpose, and ultimately it is His grace and power working in you that will cause His plan to come to fruition (Ephesians 2:10). May God bless you all, happy New Year!  
Yours in Christ,  
Pastor John



## **PRAYER LIST**

*Prayer - A Divinely inspired support system between God and God's people*

*During our Worship services, please raise specific names for prayer during our Joys and Concerns. Please let Pastor John know of anyone in need of prayers.*

*Please keep in prayer:*

- ❖ *Family, friends and folks we know who are ill, undergoing rehab, chemo, surgery, treatments, recouping or just in need of our prayers.*
- ❖ *The Women and Men of our Armed Forces who are working for World Peace*
- ❖ *Family and Friends in Nursing and Health Care Facilities*
- ❖ *World disaster victims*
- ❖ *Families and friends of the victims of violence*
- ❖ *Safe travel for all those traveling to be with family and friends for the holiday season*

### ***A New Year's Prayer***

Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again  
Thank you for this New Year  
For all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us  
A mighty flame  
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God  
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

*- Author Unknown*

## Directory Changes

If you have had an address or email change since the last directory was printed and would like to have it included in the next newsletter please send it to me at [dlagoe@nycap.rr.com](mailto:dlagoe@nycap.rr.com). Please note if you would also like to have it included in the Sunday bulletin.

## Planning for 2020

A Calendar planning meeting will be held on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at the Schuylerville UMC. If you are involved in planning meetings, activities or local events, you are invited to join us in creating the 2020 calendar. The goal is to prevent overlap of events so that all events may be enjoyed and supported.

**NEWS FROM SUMC**



## SQUUMC Youth Group news

Our youth enjoyed a Youth Group Christmas Party at the parsonage, complete with decorating nativity-shaped cookies, a reading of Luke, and watching The Grinch, while enjoying popcorn and hot cocoa. Special thanks to Pastor John and Jackie for hosting the Youth Group, to Eliza and Josiah for providing endless cuteness, and to the dogs Shelly and Bandit for numerous licks and snuggles.

Tara McCaughey



## Volunteering at The Way

The Way will be bustling over the next few weeks. If you would like to volunteer please contact Jeff Yule to sign up!

Jeff recently joined The Way Board of Directors and is helping out by assuming the scheduling duties from Tena Flanders. Jeff's contact info is as follows:

Cell phone: (518) 364-5461

Home phone: (518) 587-9137

Email: [pjyule@gmail.com](mailto:pjyule@gmail.com)

**NEWS FROM QSUMC**



## CAR WASH COUPONS

QSUMC is selling Hoffman Exterior only coupons for \$10. We receive a very generous 50% profit from Hoffman! Please consider purchasing your coupons from us! Please contact Margaret Nolan to purchase the coupons. Checks may be made to QSUMC. We appreciate and thank you for supporting our fundraiser!

## **ADOPT A SOLDIER**

The box for the Adopt a Soldier program will stay on the back table, year round. This organization sends boxes to our troops every week of the year, so if you have a few items of what is listed on the poster, please add them.

So far, 7 boxes of donations have been delivered filled with magazines, books, cd's, DVDs, snacks, socks, etc. There is also a need for donations to cover the expense of sending each care package out of \$10.

As we enjoy our Christmas with our families and friends, think of those so far away from theirs. This, as with the CODE BLUE donation box, gives us an opportunity to share some of the gifts that we have in abundance.  
Bonnie Greenfeld

## **175th ANNIVERSARY DVD's**

The DVD's have arrived, well done, if I do say so myself, by my oldest, Chris Dodd. He pays attention to details, so he chose a DVDs blank that looks like a movie reel, and is all ready to include in your gift or card to family or friends that could not make the day.

Each DVD is \$5.00, the proceeds added to our growing funds that have been donated to take down the dead trees that are threatening the peaceful landscape of Fairmount Cemetery. I have copies available, just let me know.

Bonnie Greenfeld  
518 587 6008  
[cabin creek acres@gmail.com](mailto:cabin creek acres@gmail.com)



## **Community Christmas Chorale**

If you missed this annual event, mark your calendars for next year! A wonderful time to enjoy all the choirs from our area that provided new and meaningful music of the Christmas Season.

Gail Gerber, Pastor Virginia, Shelby Dodd and I joined the choir at Schuylerville UMC at the invitation of Tary Bushnell, and we so enjoyed the experience! I returned the favor, asking Tary to join with Shelby and me singing with the Victorian Carolers from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Saratoga for the Victorian Street Walk. The group also went to Wesley, and to the Christian Women's Luncheon to provide a little Holiday cheer. So much fun, with costumes, and songs in French and German. We are going back again to sing with them at their Mardi Gras Celebration, It was fun to see the activities of another church and to introduce QSUMC and SUMC to our fellow singers.

Bonnie Greenfeld.



A special note of thanks goes to Marion Craine from the QSUMC choir for donating her time and talents with us. We especially appreciate the extra time given and are very grateful for your patience with us during rehearsals for the Advent season.



**Snow**

**Cancellation Policy at QSUMC**

Our church has to deal with several issues when bad weather arrives on Sunday morning.

1. We have no on street parking and must have our parking lots clear. That's not always possible.
2. Our pastor needs to travel 14 miles round trip on dangerous roads to reach our church.
3. Most of our parishioners travel several miles to get to our church.

QSUMC has developed the following snow closing policy. **It's the same as last year.**

1. Tim Lagoe will check conditions at the church and consult with Pastor John on a final decision before 8:00 AM on Sunday morning.
2. Please call the Lagoe home (518) 584-1812 after 8:00 AM if you think our church might need to close.

We all travel different roads and distances to get to church. If you feel the roads are too slippery, please stay home. We will miss you but would rather have you safe.

-----Tim Lagoe, Council Chair



**CODE BLUE SHELTER COLLECTION**

It is getting very cold outside. While we enjoy the warmth of our homes, the homeless are not as fortunate. QSUMC will be collecting gloves, mittens, hats and especially warm socks.

These will be given to the Code Blue Shelter in Saratoga Springs. Please consider offering a little warmth to those less fortunate.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

Thank you to all who purchased a tree from our little unadvertised Lagoe Christmas Tree farm. All of the proceeds from the sale of the trees went to the Quaker Springs UMC to help with ongoing renovations. 11 trees went to a new home and hopefully helped to provide all with a Merry Christmas. Thank you for your support.

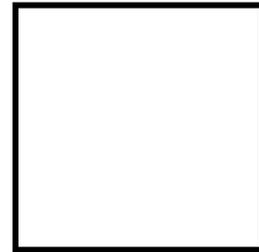
Deb and Tim Lagoe



The Messenger  
A Joint Newsletter of the  
Schuylerville & Quaker Springs  
United Methodist Churches  
51 Church Street & 466 Route 32 South  
Schuylerville, New York, 12871

Published monthly

The Rev. John Iseman  
Parsonage Phone: (518) 695-3101  
Pastor's Cell: (518) 222-6722  
Email: isemanjohn@gmail.com



First Class Postage

### **Pastor John's Office Hours**

**Monday 3 PM to 5 PM @ Parsonage**  
**Wednesday 3 PM to 5 PM @ QSUMC**

January 2020

Morning Worship & Sunday School:  
9:00 am in Quaker Springs  
11:00 am in Schuylerville

#### The Messenger Staff:

EDITOR: Deb Lagoe  
WEB PAGE EDITOR: Bill Lagoe  
(www.qsumc.com)  
WEB PAGE EDITOR: Rev John Iseman  
(http://www.sumethodist.org)

#### REPORTER, SUMC:

Youth group: Tara Mcaughey  
The Way: Sue Harrington

REPORTERS, QS: Linda Campbell,  
Bonnie Greenfeld, Connie Turner,  
Marion Craine, & Deb Lagoe

HYMN HISTORIAN: Tim Lagoe

QSUMC HISTORIAN: Tim Lagoe

PUBLICATION: Jean Wrisley &  
Sue Harrington

PASTOR: Rev. John Iseman